



LEVEL II

Educators Points Guidelines

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1. Introduction & Rationale

This ***Educators Points route*** to gain BAHT points will be mainly used by experienced Hand Therapists. This route is for Occupational Therapists (OT) and Physiotherapists (PT) with five or more years of practice, within the specialty of Hand Therapy, who already have completed evidenced based work and prior learning within the field of hand therapy. This route allows candidates who lecture on external validated BAHT courses & non validated BAHT courses which are upper limb focused rather than attending BAHT level II validated courses. BAHT level II points can then be utilised to pursue the goal of achieving the British Association Hand Therapy Accredited Hand Therapist (AHT) award.

The work submitted via the ***Educators Points route*** must be relevant to the Post-qualification Hand Therapy Education Programme of the British Association of Hand Therapists (BAHT) and follow the guidelines within this document. Therapists with less than five years' experience in Hand Therapy are advised to pursue the majority of their BAHT credit points via attendance at validated BAHT courses at Levels I and II, and to gain their Level III points using the Level III guidelines.

British Association of Hand Therapists (BAHT)

Accredited Hand Therapist (AHT) Route

To achieve the award, of Accredited Hand Therapist (AHT) clinicians need to have obtained 12 BAHT points. There are a range of different routes at BAHT Level I, Level II & Level III which clinicians can undertake to achieve the 12 BAHT points required for AHT – see table 1 below.

Please also refer to the British Association of Hand Therapists (BAHT) website, education section.

2. Post-qualification Hand Therapy Education Programme

LEVEL I

The Level I Course is designed for therapists with minimal or no experience of hand injuries & conditions & for therapists who wish to refresh their basic knowledge of, & skills in, the field of hand therapy. It will promote recognition for professional competence & will improve the quality of patient care (BAHT Guidelines Level I Course). For therapists with more than 2 years' experience of hand therapy practice please refer to the Level I APL process (see BAHT level I guidelines).

One Point is awarded for successful completion of the Level I process.

LEVEL II

The Level II Course/Process is designed for therapists with proven experience in the field of hand therapy who have successfully completed an accredited Level I Course or APL route (therapists who have at least 2 years' experience in hand therapy). Level II courses promote recognition for professional knowledge in a specialist aspect of hand therapy; improve the quality of hand care; & foster evaluation & research in hand therapy (BAHT Guidelines Level II Course). BAHT strive to support therapists who wish to increase their experience & knowledge in specialist areas of hand therapy & there are a range of other routes, other than attending a BAHT Level II course, for the acquisition of BAHT Level II points. Routes for BAHT Level II points include: submission of evidence of prior learning (APL), educators points, non-accredited MSc Modules, refer to the BAHT website &/or table 1 below.

Two points are awarded per BAHT Level II course & for a range of other BAHT Level II Routes on successful completion (see table 1).

6 Level II points are required at BAHT Level II.

Each two points must be gained in a different specialist area of hand therapy.

LEVEL III

This level offers members of BAHT a challenging opportunity to demonstrate their advanced knowledge of hand therapy. Five BAHT points are awarded for successful completion of Level III. Level III points can be gained in a number of ways, see table 1 or refer to the BAHT Education Process on the BAHT website.

Five Points are awarded for successful completion of the Level III process.

The structure for education & training is set out in Table 1.

When you have achieved 12 points you may apply to the BAHT Education Sub-committee (ESC) for AHT. For ALL BAHT courses & routes see guidelines on the BAHT website

https://www.hand-therapy.co.uk/health_professionals/education_courses/the_baht_education_process_route_to_aht.aspx

For ALL BAHT Level II other Routes queries please email baht.apl@gmail.com

TABLE 1: Progression of Post-qualification Education in Hand Therapy (BAHT)

For all Level I, II & III options in below table please refer to the specific guidelines for more detail on criteria & application process

Target Population	Content	Assessment Process	Outcome	Sum of points
Level I				
OT/PT therapist	Introductory course	BAHT exam (short answer/MCQs)	Certificate Value = 1 point	1
** see below	APL Route	2 years plus experience full time hand therapy	Eligibility-Level II	
Level II				
OP/PT Therapist Eligibility via Level I	Specialist BAHT course (17 hours contact teaching)	Two forms of assessment during/after the course, e.g., examination & written assignment	Certificate Value = 2 points per Level II course / APL topic / Level II Route	7
Or	APL (prior learning less than 3 years since completion)	Written work assessed by 2 independent reviewers	Maximum 6 points.	
Indicative experience via APL process	MSc Module (non-accredited) – completed less than 2 years prior to application	Via University assessment process & application to BAHT ESC for recognition of a non-accredited module	Eligibility-Level III	
** see below	Educational points route Associate PI Scheme	Evidence of teaching / education of others Evidence of completion		
Level III				
OT/PT specialist Eligibility via Level II	In-depth BAHT project	Written paper assessed by 2 independent reviewers	Certificate Value = 5 points	12
Or	MSc Modules (accredited & non-accredited) – completed less than 2 years prior to application	Via University assessment process only for accredited modules <i>or</i> additional application to BAHT ESC for recognition of a non-accredited module		
Indicative experience via APL process	Hand Therapy Journal article	Proof of publication & ownership statement		
** see below	APL (prior learning less than 3 years since completion)	Written work assessed by 2 independent reviewers		

**** Note:** therapy students, therapy assistants, nurses & other AHP clinicians may attend BAHT courses at the discretion of the course provider

The table below provides guidance on additional routes that can be used to gain Accredited Hand Therapist (AHT) if the BAHT level I, Level I & Level III routes are not undertaken.

Target Population	Summary Of Routes	Assessment Process	Sum of Points
<p>University route to AHT</p> <p>Levels 1-3</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Completion of University of Derby MSc in Hand Therapy. 4 modules required: - Assessment of the hand and upper limb - Treatment modalities - Hand conditions and interventions - Hand therapy in practice 2. Completion of University of Essex Postgraduate Certificate Advanced Musculoskeletal Assessment and Practice (Hand Therapy) 3. Completion of PhD relating to Hand Therapy at UK University 4. Completion of hand focused Advanced Practice MSc or ePortfolio 	<p>Enter date of modules, ePortfolio and/or completion of the course.</p> <p>Evidence of completion of the course is required plus supporting digital badge or letter/testimony from course tutor</p>	<p>12</p>

3. Fee Structure

Fee Structure when applying for each two educators' points

Registration fee (for admin costs)	£30
TOTAL	£30

Application Fee
<p>Please note that payment of the £30 application fee must be made <i>before</i> an application can be considered. We are no longer able to accept cheque payment for fees so please provide relevant details for invoicing below & email back to: baht.apl@gmail.com & baht.escfinance@gmail.com</p> <p>Invoice addressee name</p> <p>Contact e-mail address</p> <p>Contact phone number</p> <p>Postal address</p> <p>PO number (if applicable) *</p> <p>*If a purchase order is required, please ensure this is raised prior to submitting this application and quote the relevant number here.</p> <p>Please contact us if you have any queries regarding this via baht.apl@gmail.com & baht.escfinance@gmail.com</p> <p>To avoid unnecessary delays in processing your application, please ensure you notify baht.apl@gmail.com & baht.escfinance@gmail.com when you make payment.</p> <p>Receipts will not routinely be provided, please notify us if this is something you specifically require.</p>

4. The BAHT Educators Route for achieving Level II BAHT Points

To be able to apply for Educators Points at BAHT level II candidates are required to meet the below criteria (see application form also)

Candidates must provide clear evidence of a minimum of 8 hours teaching on external courses. External courses can be BAHT validated courses (BAHT level I &/or BAHT level II) or other external presentations / course(s) that are upper limb focused. 75% of the teaching hours (6 hours) must be taught on validated BAHT courses (level I &/or level II). Evidence of teaching must be in the format of the programme(s) & peer review (specific feedback from delegates) for each of the sessions / lecturers being used for educators' points.

Within the minimum 8 hours of teaching there must be a minimum of 3 different topics taught & topics must have been delivered in two different formats i.e. via lecturers, workshops.

The most recent external teaching used as evidence must not be more than 2 years old.

Appendices

Appendix A BAHT Level II Educators Points Application Form

Please complete this form & tick checklist to ensure you have included all the information required. Return this electronically to the BAHT APL advisor (baht.apl@gmail.com) after confirming payment of the £30 registration fee. The fee must be processed before the ESC can consider the application (see payment details above).

Name of Candidate:	
BAHT Membership number:	
Contact email:	
Contact address:	
Signature of candidate:	Date:

I wish to apply for the BAHT Level II Educators Point Route to complete (please circle)		
Level 2 (2 points)	Level 2 (4 points)	Level 2 (6 points)

Evidence of teaching:

- Evidence of 8 hours external teaching:
 - 2 different types of delivery i.e. lectures, workshops
 - 3 different topic areas which must be hand related
 - Most recent teaching must have been delivered within past 2 years
 - Evidence of delivery for each topic required i.e. programme for each course
- 75% of teaching via BAHT courses & maximum 25% external teaching
- Peer review (specific feedback from delegates) for each topic area delivered must be submitted

Application Fee

Please note that payment of the £30 application fee must be made *before* an application can be considered. We are no longer able to accept cheque payment for fees so please provide relevant details for invoicing below & email back to: baht.apl@gmail.com & baht.escfinance@gmail.com.

Invoice addressee name

Contact e-mail address

Contact phone number

Postal address

PO number (if applicable) *

*If a purchase order is required, please ensure this is raised prior to submitting this application and quote the relevant number [here](#).

Please contact us if you have any queries regarding this via baht.apl@gmail.com & baht.escfinance@gmail.com

To avoid unnecessary delays in processing your application, please ensure you notify baht.apl@gmail.com & baht.escfinance@gmail.com when you make payment.

Receipts will not routinely be provided, please notify us if this is something you specifically require.

Please email an electronic copy of this application form & all requested documents / evidence, with all personal details included, to baht.apl@gmail.com and bahthandtherapy@gmail.com

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